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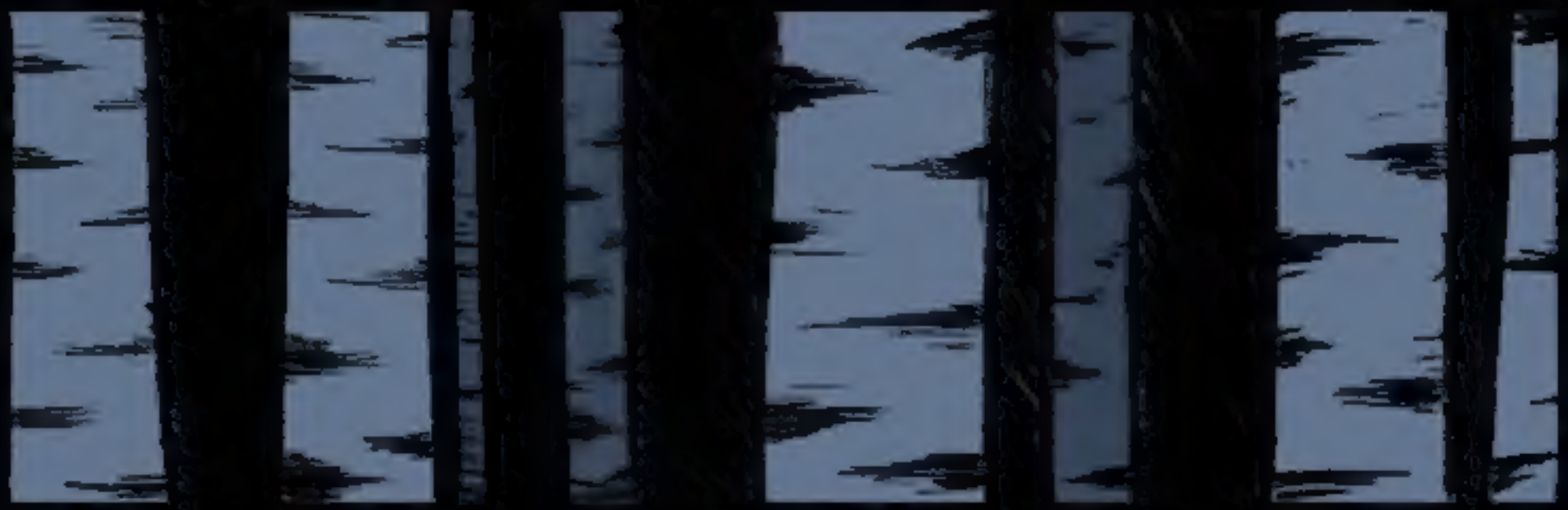

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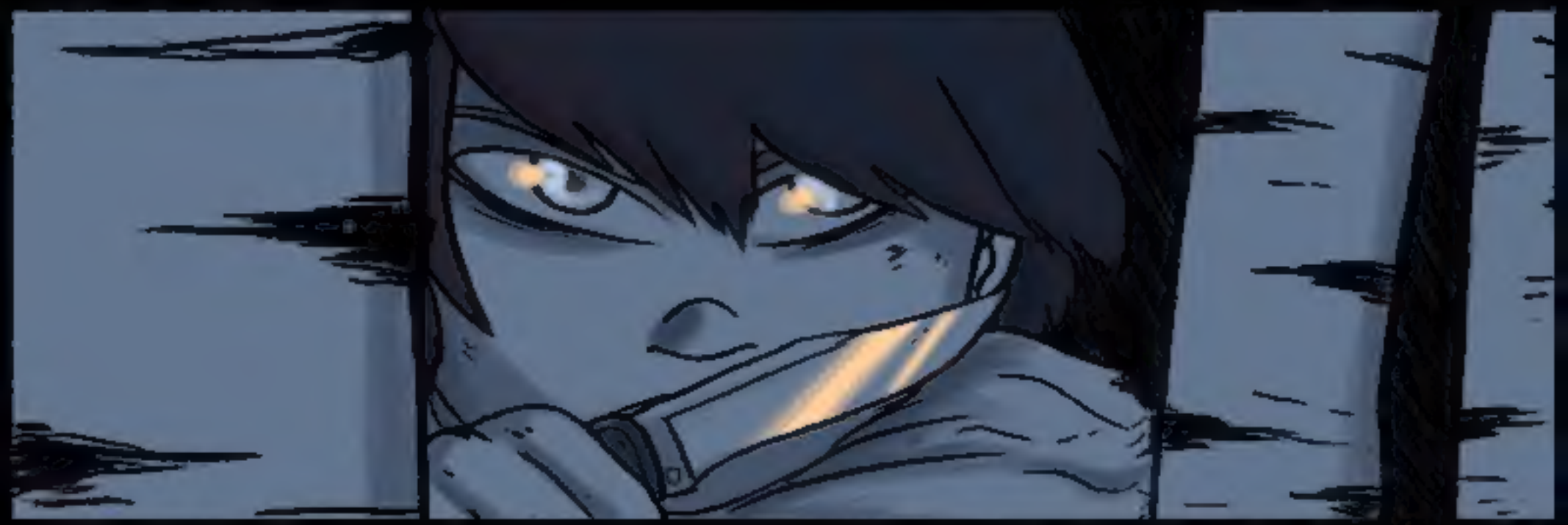

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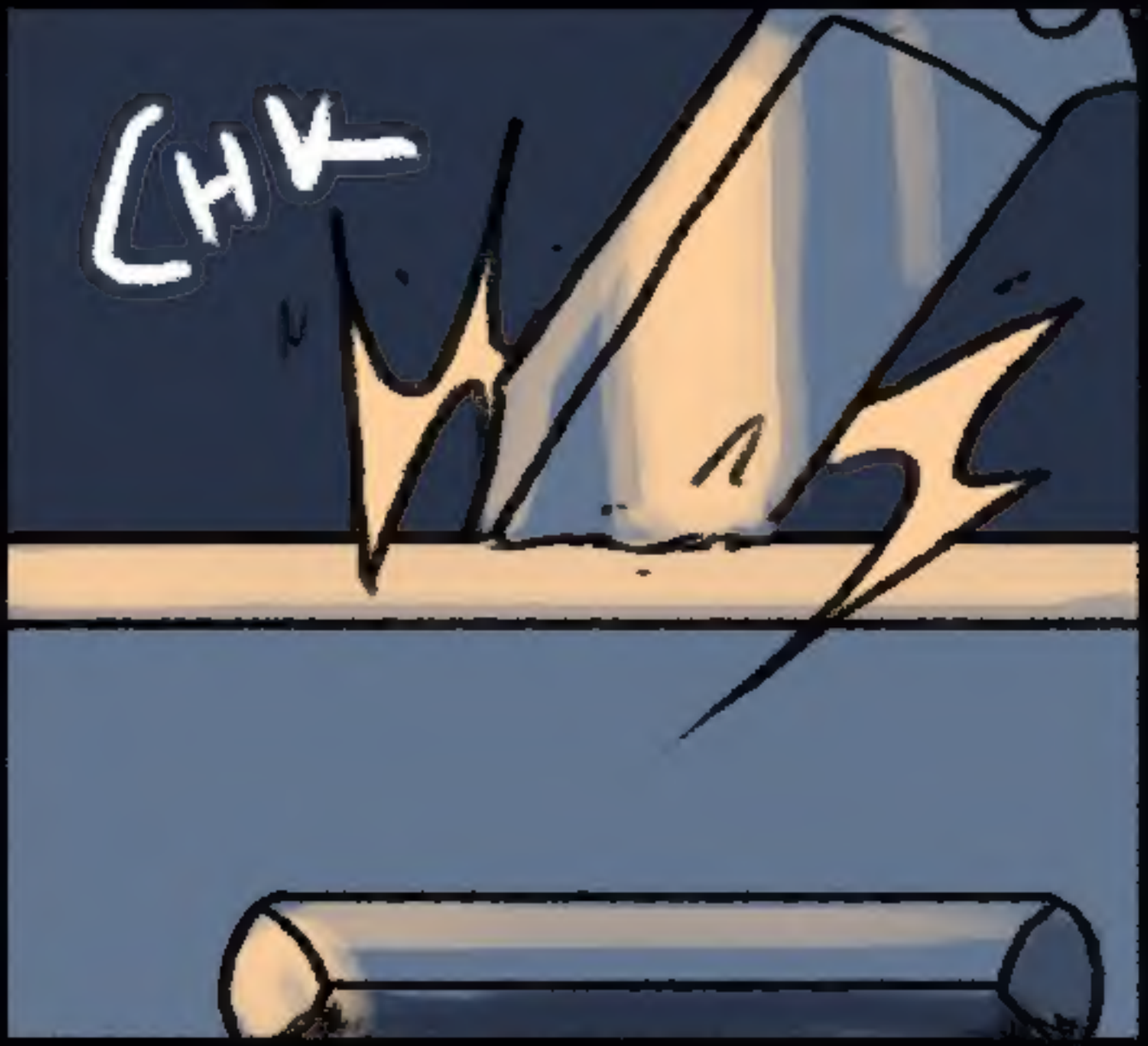
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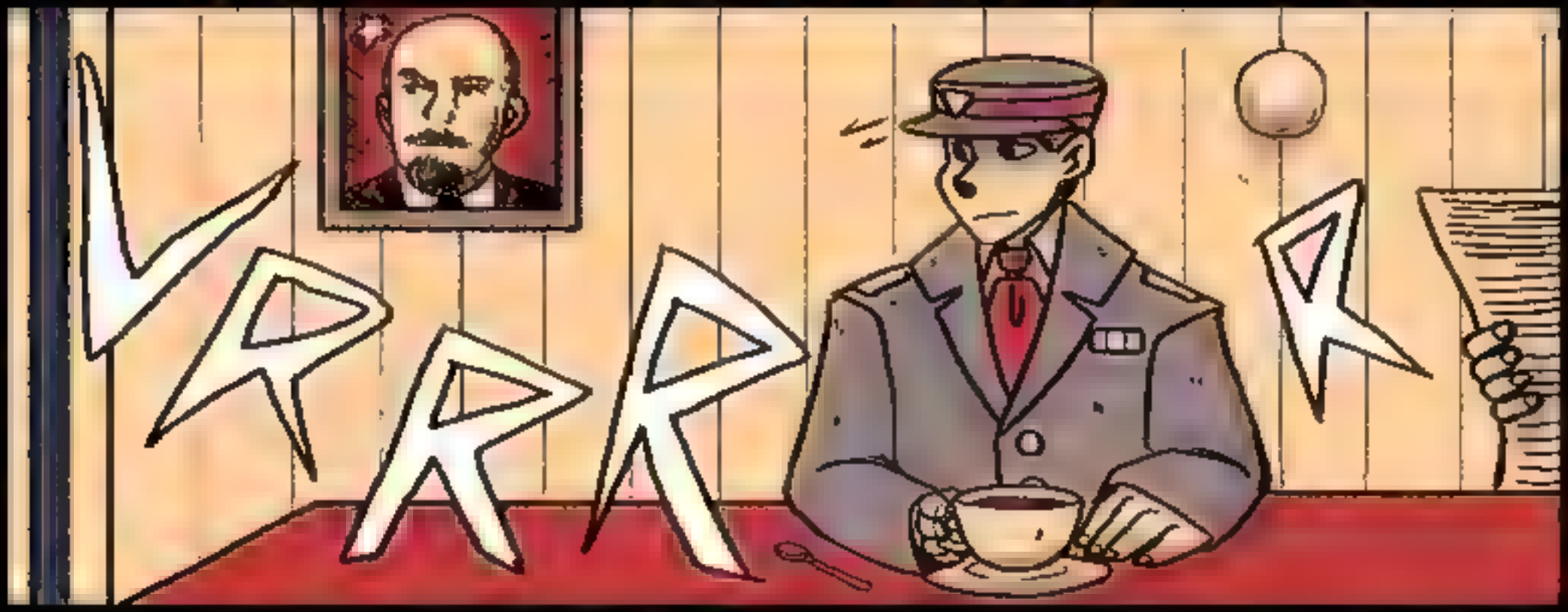
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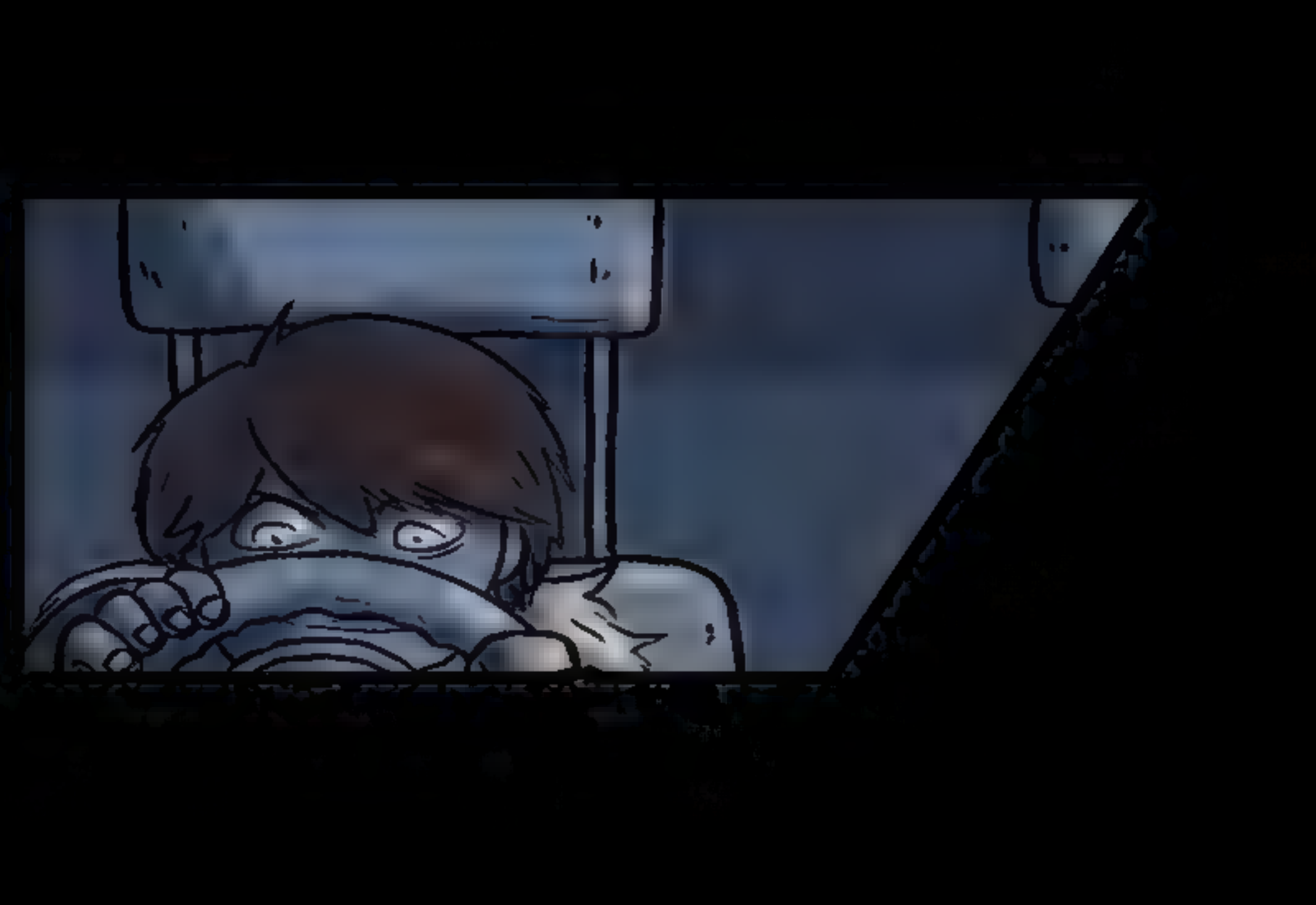

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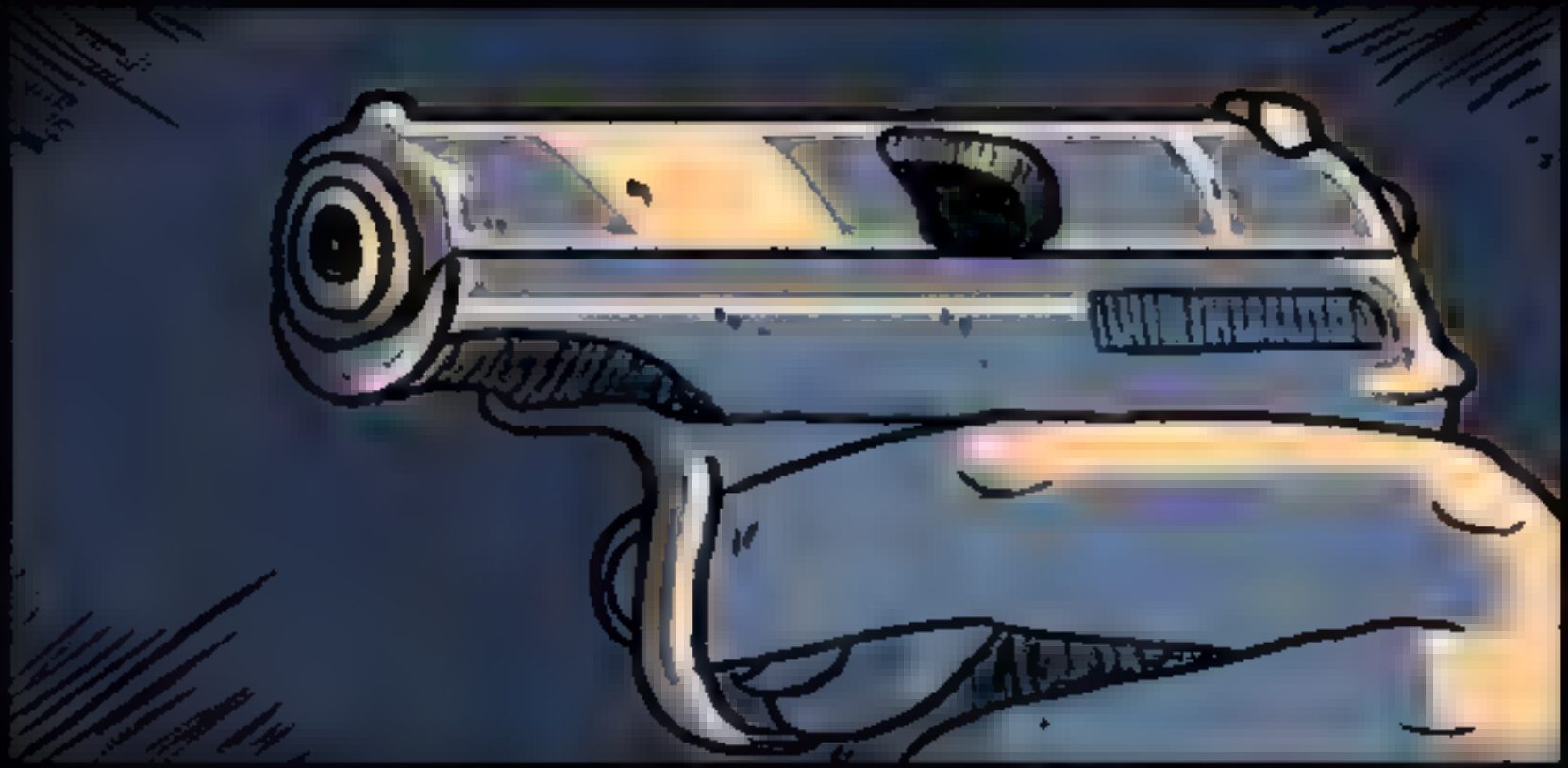

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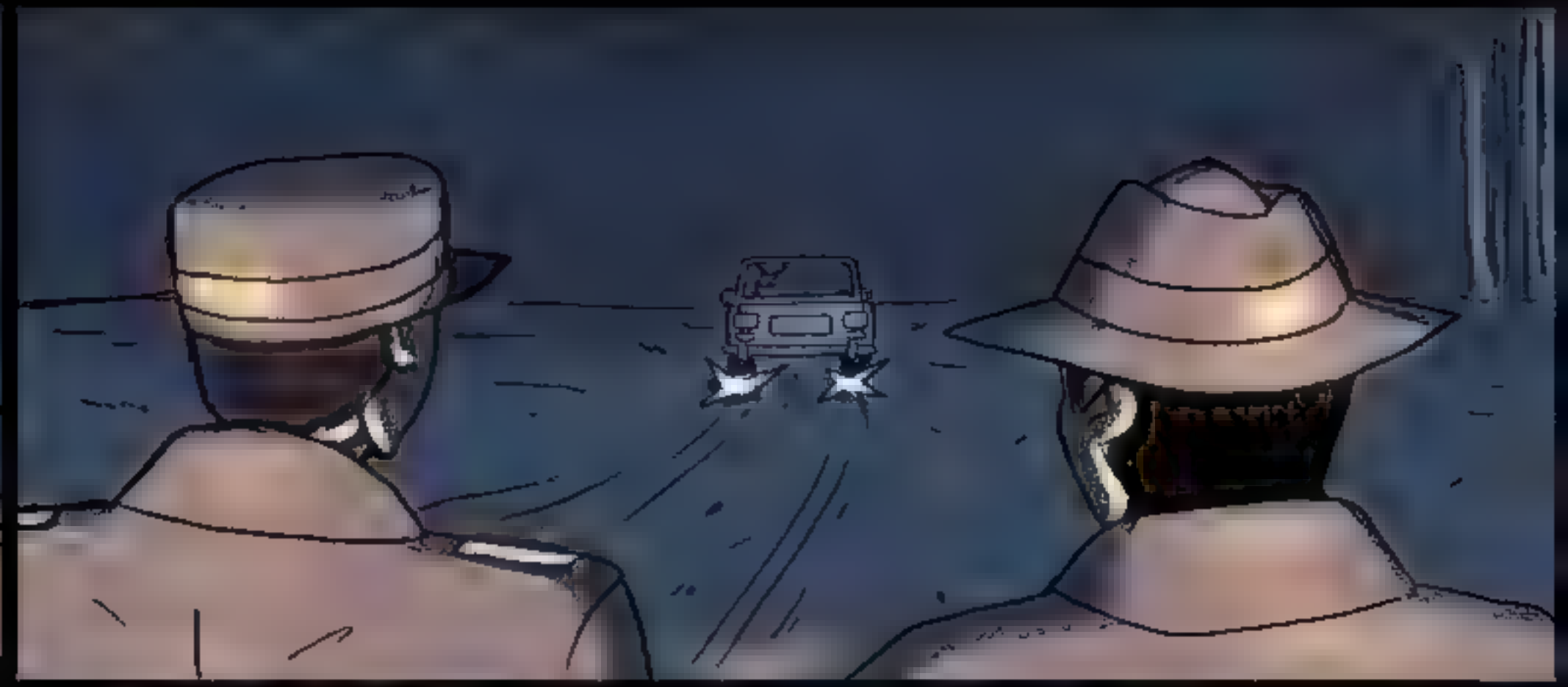

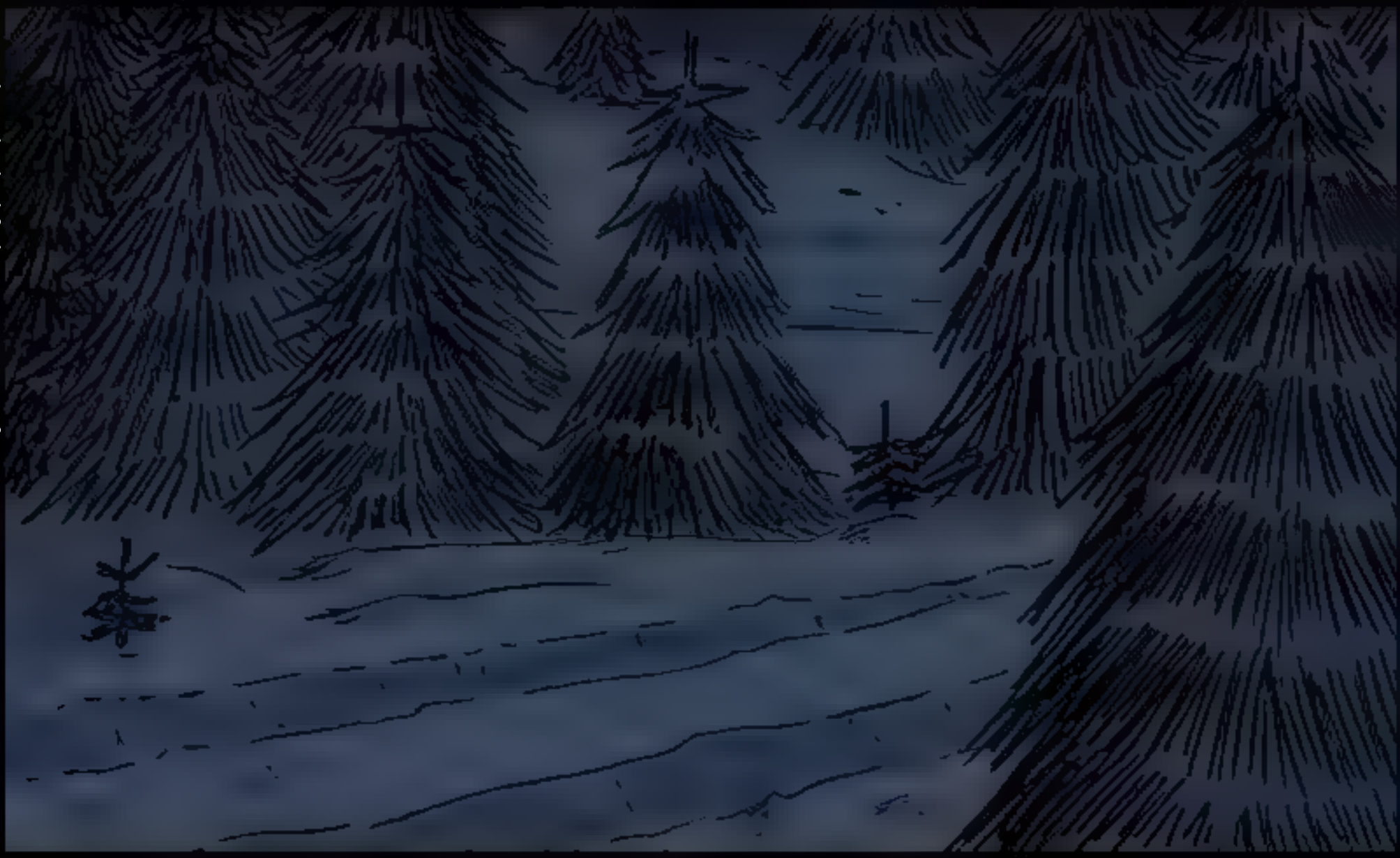

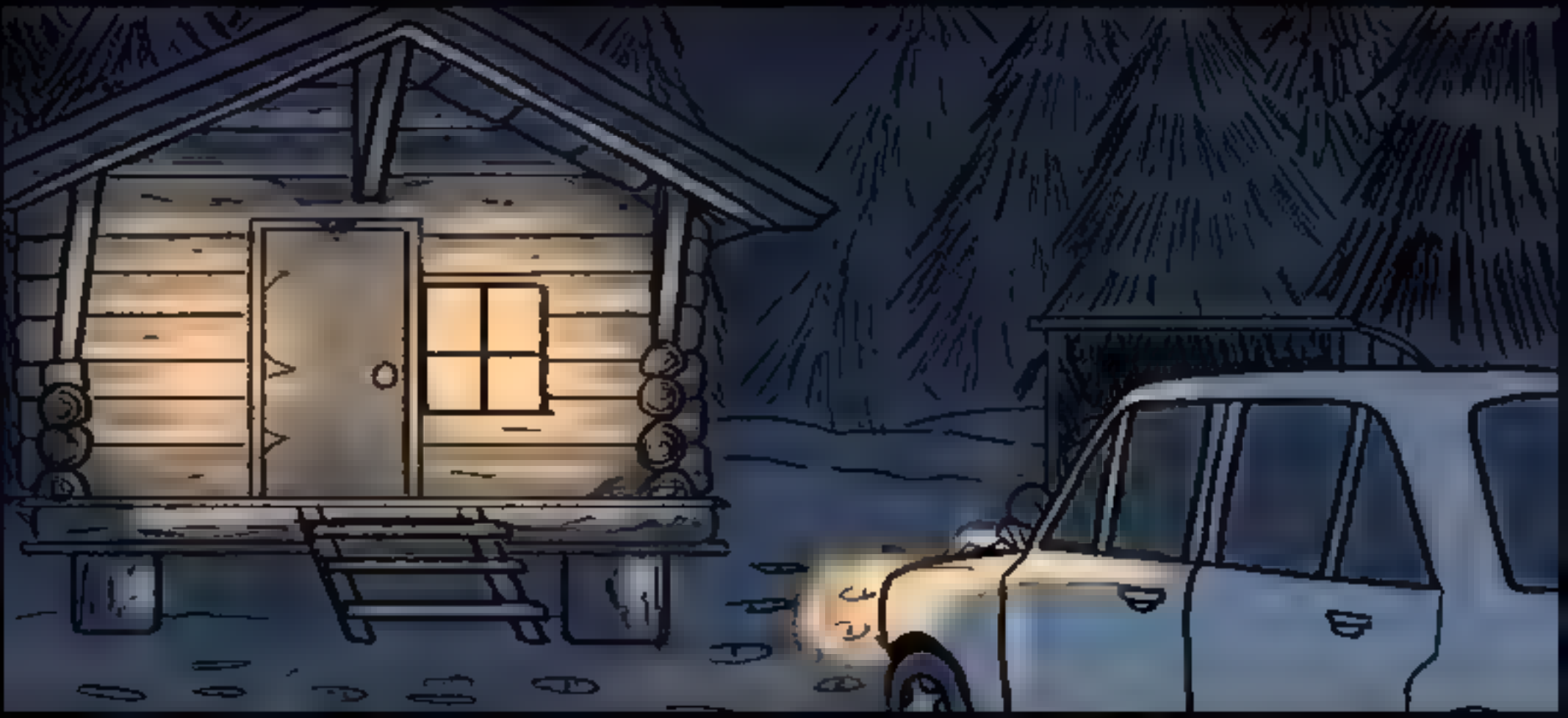

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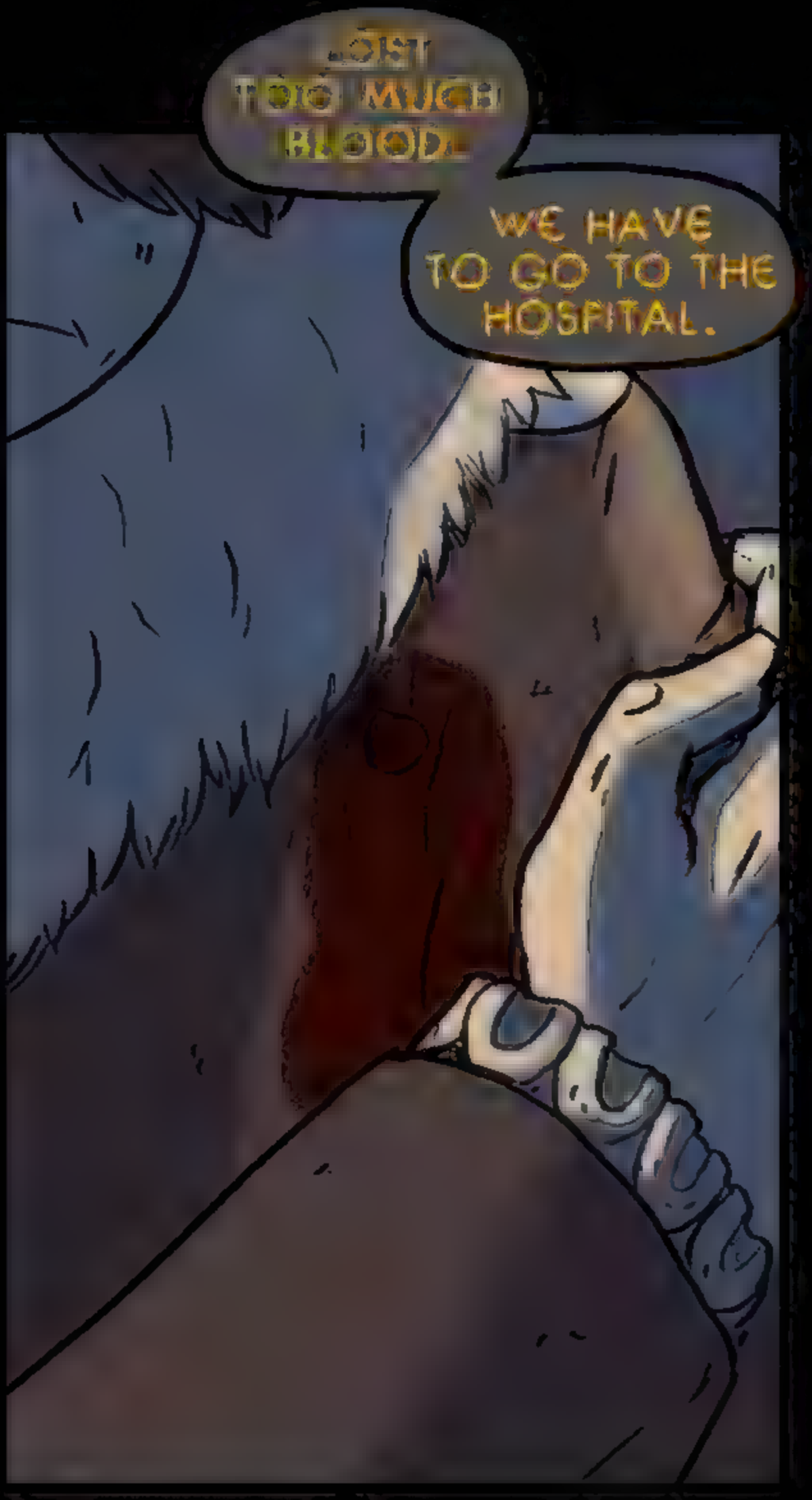
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
MIKHAIL! I GOT US A CAR!

I TOLD YOU — I TOLD YOU I COULD DO IT...

THIS IS BAD. YOU'RE COLD.


JUST TOO MUCH BLOOD.
WE HAVE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

BUT MIKHAIL...
THEY'LL CATCH US.

MIKHAIL - I'M FINE, PLEASE, I'M FINE!
SHH!

CHK

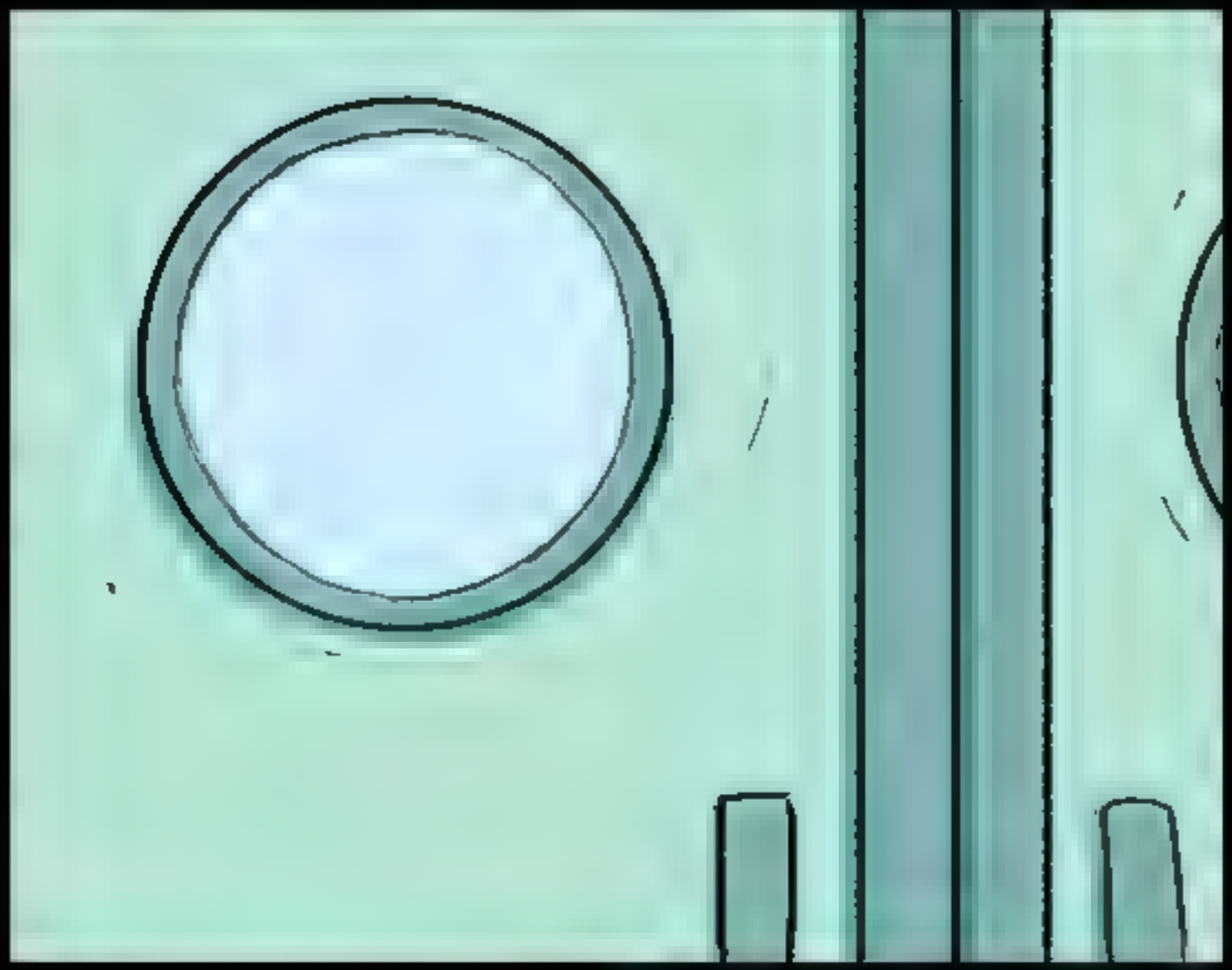
ALRIGHT

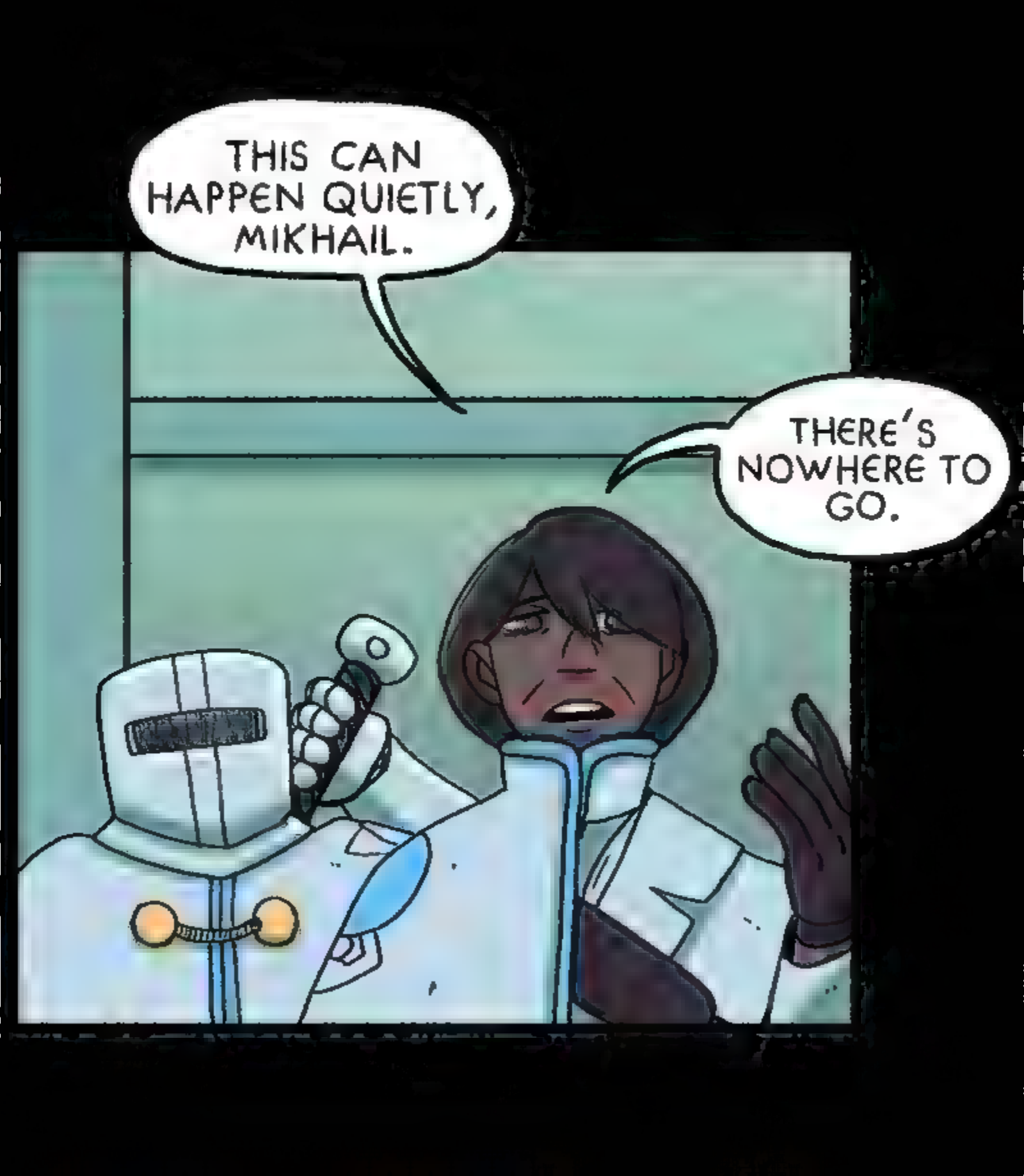
A NURSE REPORTED THE TARGET TO THE POLICE.

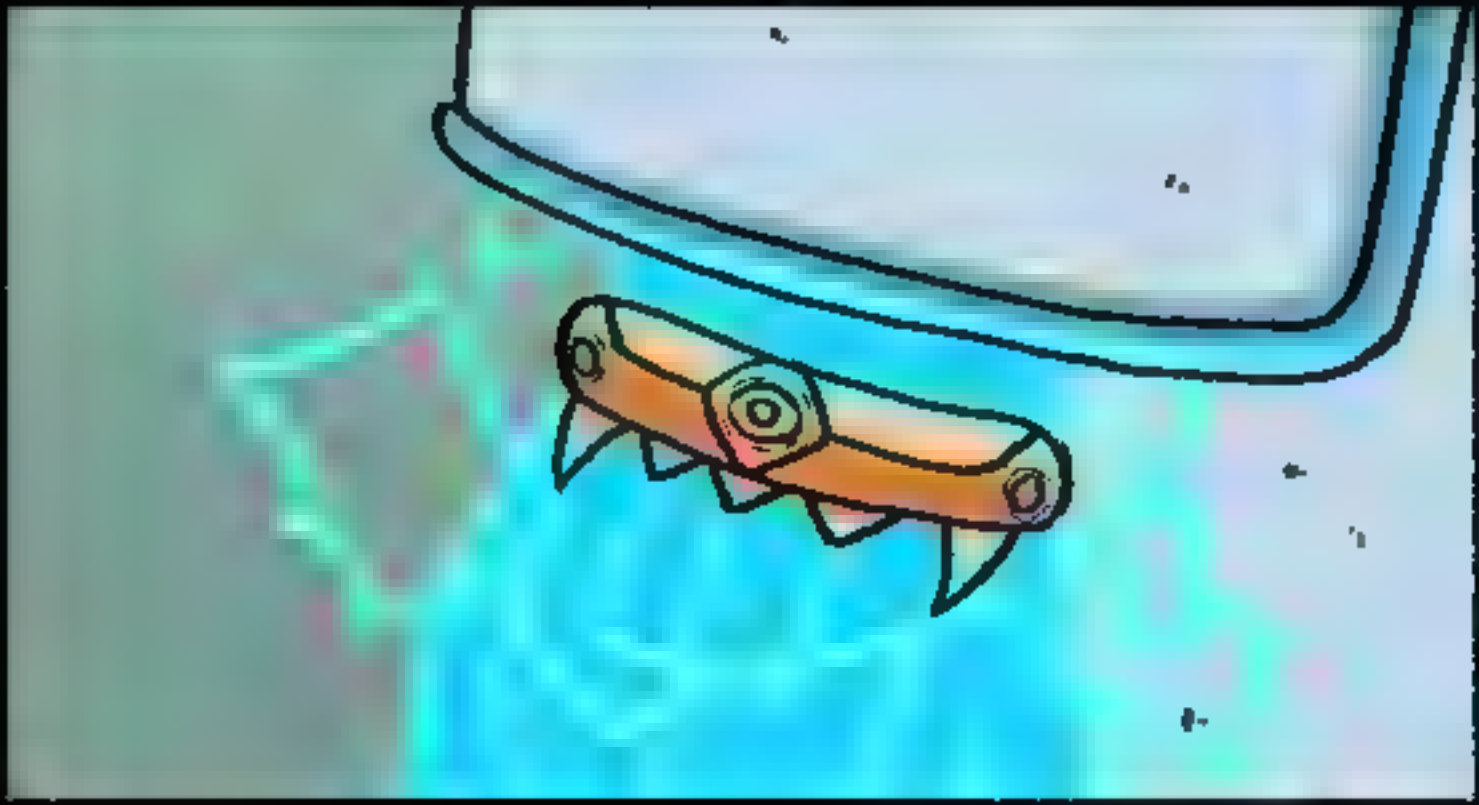
THEY SURROUNDED THE BUILDING, BUT PER OUR REQUEST, THEY HAVEN'T ENGAGED THE SUBJECT.

THEY DISCREETLY EVACUATED EVERYONE THEY COULD.

HE'S HERE WITH HIS SISTER. BE CAREFUL.




THIS CAN HAPPEN QUIETLY, MIKHAIL.
THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO.



WE CAN TAKE CARE OF ALEX.

Hi everyone.

What you just read was the first of four episodes
illustrated by Ali Leriger de la Plante over the past few months.
Ali has been working with me for a while now to put this story together.
It's a look into Alex Ivanova's past, and we are both real happy with it.

It may seem like an odd choice to interrupt the current story to tell this one.
Our original intent actually was for this to go up a couple months from now,
so let me be transparent about why that changed.

Last Wednesday, shortly after the previous episode went up,
my main computer stopped working.

On Thursday, I realized I didn't have the skillset to repair the computer,
and took it into the shop.

On Friday, one of my cats was severely hurt.
The nearby veterinarian was unable to take her, so my wife and I took
her across town where she underwent intensive surgery. By the end of it,
she was not stable, and had to go into overnight care. Since no vets in our
town *provide* overnight care, we had to drive her one town over to a
24-hour emergency animal hospital. We didn't get back home until 2am.

On Saturday, my old laptop that I had been using as a backup work-computer stopped detecting most external devices, including both my scanner and my tablet. This left me with no means to make comics.

On Sunday, we got to take our cat home. She is recovering but is on seven different medications that have to be administered carefully.

On Monday, I finally admitted I could not get a new episode done on time.

But there have been a lot of skips lately, and I don't know when I'll have a working computer again [or a working cat, for that matter]. So rather than skip, Ali and I decided to tell this story now rather than later.

For the next few weeks we'll be learning a bit about Alex and about what it means to a Harbinger.

I can't thank Ali enough for her help, but I can plug her stuff.

Ali just finished a comic here on Webtoon Discover called Ophiuchus. The comic is done, so you can read the entire story in one go!

She also just launched a whole new project on Discover called Autofaction!